(iii) Personal Accident insurance Cover to all Kisan Credit Holders up to Rs. 50000/- to cover accidental death/permanent disability under a Master Policy at a nominal premium of Rs. 15/- for a one year policy and Rs. 45 for a three year policy is made available. The financing bank is expected to bear two-third of the premium amount.

(iv) Credit Limit is fixed on the basis of operational land holding of card holder, cropping pattern followed by him/her and the scales of finance approved by a District Level Technical Committee for cultivation of different crops, based on agricultural practices adopted in the area.

(v) Conversion/reschedulement of loan is permissible in case of damage to cultivated crops on account of natural calamities.

(b) and (c) Out of about 42.52 lakh farmers, considered eligible for KCC in the State of Rajasthan about 41.41 lakh Kisan Credit Cards have been issued by the banking system in Rajasthan upto October 2006.

(d) No specific target have been fixed by NABARD for issue of KCCs by the banks during 2006-07. However, State Level Banker's Committee (SLBC), Rajasthan has estimated that 2 lakh KCCs would be issued during the current year. Against this 1.78 lakh new KCCs have so far been issued.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Farmers' Debt Relief Commission

2178. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposed to take measures to address the grievances of debt ridden farmers in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal for writing off loan amounts availed from financial institutions of farmers belonging to areas suffering from agrarian crisis;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government consider setting up of a Farmers' Debt Relief Commission with judicial status; and

(e) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Government has approved a package to address the issue of farmers' distress which *inter-alia,* has a component relating to agricultural credit, for mitigating the distress of farmers in 31 debt stressed districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra.

The package provides for:—

(i) The entire interest on overdue loans as on July 01,2006 is to be waived in all the affected districts and all farmers will have no past interest burden as on that date, so that they are immediately eligible for fresh loans from the banking system.

(ii) The overdue loans of the farmers as on July 01,2006 to be rescheduled over a period of 3-5 years with a one-year moratorium.

(iii) A credit flow of Rs. 13,817.78 crore, Rs. 3076.20, Rs. 1,945.07 crore and Rs. 2583.39 crores will be ensured in the debt stressed districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra respectively in 2006-07.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

RBI guidelines on foreign bank's exposure in NBFCs

2179. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve bank of India have recently issued guidelines on foreign banks' exposure in Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs);

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether many foreign banks have violated the policy of RBI during the last one year; and

(d) if so, the action taken against such banks, bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) As per draft guidelines on